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by Ron Williams

A Look at Ourselves

For some of us, rising at 6 a.m. and peering at the image in the mirror can be frightening, if not devastating. Many even have a 3-sided mirror to give panoramic view. Fortunately, unlike "Snow White", the mirror can't talk back...or does it? Maybe we have grown so accustomed to our faces, that we rarely stop to ponder just how beautifully and wonderfully we are made.

The same holds true with the Church. In becoming so involved in our own local assemblies, our problems and growth, we become consumed by the "burden of the load" rather than the "beauty of the Lord" and His work in us. Yet, we, the Church, are beautifully and wonderfully made.

In writing to the Ephesian brethren, the Apostle Paul continually refers to the "Fullness" of God. In Chapter One, verse 23, he draws our attention to the wealth of God's grace that has filled us, making us the very expression of His being. Paul, again in Chapter Three, emphasizes the multi-faceted giftedness which has been bestowed upon us, enabling us to be used above all that we could ask or think. Fullness, in Eph. 4:13, is used in the sense of a "fully-manned ship" prepared to sail in any

weather. The Church (yes, even the Foursquare Gospel Church), filled with Christ, varied in gifts and united for ministry is well on its way to becoming His "glorious" Bride, without spot, blemish or wrinkle (Eph. 5:27).

Such a claim does not imply ignorance of our difficulties or apathy towards our shortcomings. But it is possible to become so insistent about "WHAT WE AREN'T" that we fail to comprehend "WHAT WE ARE"! AND WE ARE SOMEBODY! We are the Princes of God, gifted and groomed to deal prudently in His Kingdom.

With this premise, the ADVANCE takes a fresh look at the foundation and relationship that unites us as a Foursquare Family. From Calgary to Brasilia, we see God giving unique and creative opportunities to Foursquare brothers and sisters who are led by His Spirit. Youth willing to follow; ladies ready to speak out; pastors who shepherd; leaders with a view for the world...that's what Foursquare is all about! We are NOT weak, but FULLY-MANNED, capable and totally equipped to fulfill God's divine call upon our lives. Rather than "But, and maybe", allow our voices to exclaim, "YEA and AMEN!"

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THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS

By Dr. Clarence Hall

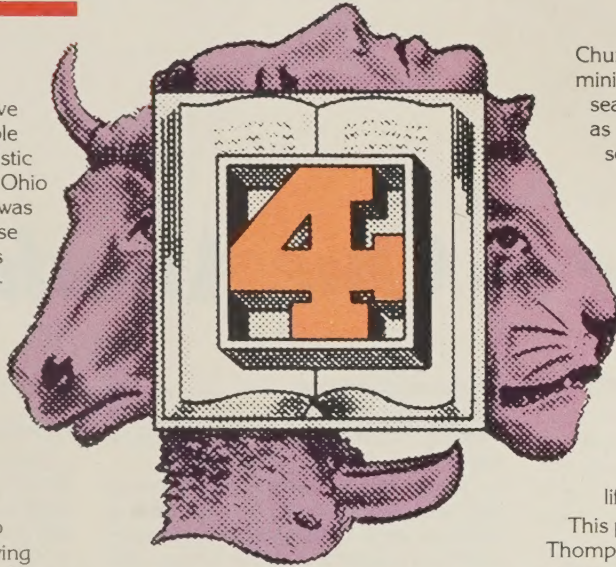
It was my privilege to have heard and seen Aimee Semple McPherson in her evangelistic and healing campaign in Canton, Ohio two years before Angelus Temple was erected. The city was stirred those weeks. Almost all of the city's pastors cooperated, with many sitting on the platform and participating in the services. Our pastor, Dr. Albert Edward Day, invited Sister McPherson to preach on a Sunday morning in his First Methodist Church pulpit.

During the Canton meetings, as the evangelist preached the simple Gospel, the altars were filled each night with people who opened their hearts to Jesus, receiving forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Pastors were greatly moved and inspired. They saw God at work, saving and healing, as the message of Jesus Christ and Calvary was presented.

The tremendous response to the Gospel in Canton was so similar to what took place continually in the Early Church. People were genuinely saved. They came together. They were changed inwardly by the Holy Spirit. A love and concern for others was evident, as was sharing in fellowship, vital faith in the unchanging Christ and a commitment to Christian life and witness (Acts 4:32-35).

Such was the setting our family discovered in Angelus Temple when we moved to Los Angeles in 1928. The Temple was a great center for evangelism. Sister McPherson was preaching to thousands daily. People were coming from throughout America and were being changed by a work of God's grace. The world-wide call for this Gospel came constantly, necessitating the building of L.I.F.E. Bible College where students were instructed and sent out with the same precious, simple message Sister was preaching. Foursquare churches were opened across the United States and Canada. Missionaries carried the Gospel to many parts of the world.

Sister McPherson's concern as students prepared was evident as she spoke to us in our Bible classes. She would urge us to "Preach the Word!" — to present Jesus faithfully as the only Savior, The Great Physician, The One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and The Lord who is to return as King of Kings. Her emphasis was always, "Keep Jesus as the heart of your message. Hold high the message of the Cross. Tell



the world of the precious blood Jesus shed to redeem us from sin, from its guilt and power. Never compromise your message!" She warned of the danger that other denominations had faced, finding another emphasis and soon losing their fervor and zeal for soul-winning.

Sister McPherson has been gone now for more than 40 years. As we, members of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, carefully and honestly evaluate ourselves, there are certain questions we must ask. Are we as fully united as we once were, in doctrine, in purpose and in commitment? Or are we becoming individualistic, following our own philosophies, leaning only on advice from others, having few real spiritual goals, and even drifting into worldly methods? Has that which united us as a Foursquare family years ago faded, or in danger of disappearance?

Satan's purpose throughout the history of the Church has been to weaken and destroy the effectiveness of the church by working within to de-emphasize the basic teachings of the Bible and to minimize the message concerning Jesus Christ and His redemptive work. Our Lord, His Cross and His shed blood were always acknowledged and preached as we ministered the Word to sinners and believers. Now, in many of our pulpits, there seems to be a hesitation to refer to sin, guilt, condemnation, judgment, and to the wrath of God. Far too few Sunday School classes sit under the teachings of Bible doctrine. Teachers of youth and adult classes once gave verse by verse studies in the Doctrinal Epistles, Romans, Galatians, Colossians and Hebrews particularly.

The Apostle Paul left no doubt about his emphasis. In His letter to the Ephesian

Church (3:7,8) he writes, "I was made a minister...that I should preach...the unsearchable riches of Christ." With this as our base, we will never be without sermon or teaching material.

The days in which we live are vastly different from those in the First Century and too, from those of 40 years ago. However, God has not changed. His Will is always the same. His Gospel remains the same. There is no new message for today. Sin and its judgment have not changed. Deliverance and forgiveness comes still as we acknowledge our sin and receive the One who gives eternal life.

This past summer, while visiting with Dr. Thompson Eade in Grants Pass, Oregon, we were reminded of the powerful sermons Sister McPherson preached, so well illustrated through the untiring work of Dr. Eade. How often we saw pictured the sinner, bound and condemned, so helpless. Then there would appear the Cross of Christ, offering hope, forgiveness, cleansing through His blood, and the assurance of eternal life. Large numbers of people would unhesitatingly respond, and at the altars receive eternal life through Divine grace. People, as they left these services, would fill the many trolley cars awaiting them on Glendale Boulevard and would be heard filling the air with the spiritual songs and hymns they had sung in Angelus Temple:

"What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

Oh, precious is that flow

That makes me white as snow.

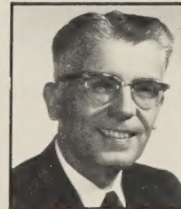
No other fount I know.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

And so many more, hymns of the Cross and the precious blood — songs that in themselves inspired praise and worship.

The Foursquare Family enjoyed a

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Dr. Clarence Hall served as Dean of L.I.F.E. Bible College from 1953-1972. Following his retirement, Dr. Hall continued as a member of the faculty until 1977. Presently, he serves on the pastoral staff of the Florence Avenue Foursquare Church in Santa Fe Springs, CA.

OUR FOURSQUARE FOUNDATION

Relating to One Another

By Rev. John Whitman

see the scriptural logic.

Proverbs 1:7 says, "The Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom." The word FEAR speaks to us of relationship.

"In our high-tech world it is important for us to remember that we live in society very much in need of high-touch." This statement made by Professor Art Crisco, Consultant for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, makes us very much aware just how important relationship still is in spite of all our individualism and professionalism.

To the Foursquare believer, relationship is supremely important. This is true due to the heritage of our identification with Jesus as Savior, Healer, Baptizer with the Holy Spirit and Soon Coming King. Our founder often reminded us that the way we relate to Christ in each of these areas is the way we will relate to the people around us in our everyday situations.

SAVIOR

Redemption and reconciliation are based on relationship. We are bought back and enjoy right standing because of what Jesus did for us and is now doing in us. That whole process is known as reconciliation.

We open the door to God for the people around us much the same way in which Christ opened the door to God for us. Our duty is not so much to talk to men about Jesus Christ as it is to show Him to them. A "Saint" has been defined as someone in whom Christ lives again. Every believer must be a teacher, and he must teach others who Christ is, not by our words, but

by our life...our relationship in Jesus.

HEALER

The Gospel which Jesus brought did not stop at words; it was translated into deeds. If we read through the Gospels, we will see that Jesus spent far more time healing the sick, and feeding the hungry, and comforting the sorrowing than He did merely talking about God. He turned the words of religious truth into the deeds of Christian love. We cannot truly call ourselves Christian and deliver the healing ministry of Jesus until our belief issues in Christian action. In his day, the Priest would have said that religion consists of sacrifice; the Scribe would have said that religion consists of law; but Jesus said that religion consists of love...and He is still saying it. The way we experience the health that Jesus adds to our lives, whether physically, mentally or spiritually, is the way we will pass it on to the people we live, work and worship with. Relationship is still the key.

BAPTIZER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

After the resurrection, Jesus met with the disciples and said, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." God sent Jesus to live with people...relationship again.

Following the above statement John tells, in Chapter 20, verse 22, "And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'." Commentators tell us that this act of the influence of the Holy Spirit on the souls of men has been termed His "Inspiration". Every word of Christ which is received in the

QUESTION: What do the words in this list have in common? Body, Fellowship, Church Group, Class, Club, Society, State, Country, Union, Department, Believer, Career.

ANSWER: They all revolve around relationship; a relationship built on a common center of one kind or another...God, school, work, family or community. That association can be very tightly knit or a loosely woven fabric of occasional interaction...but the relationship is always there.

While talking with a friend recently, the following statement was made: "The Church always needs to operate on a relational basis rather than simply the functional." After thinking about this for a bit I began to

"Jesus not only talked about God, He turned the words of religious truth into the deeds of Christian love."

heart by faith comes accompanied by this Divine breathing or inspiration; and, without this there is neither light nor life. To every individual Christian this is essential. No man ever did or ever can minister to the people around him without this in-breathed inspiration. Jesus is the One who sends and the One who breathes. Through the inspiration and intermedia agency of the Holy Spirit the believer can say, "My Lord and I are One" in the same way that Jesus said it of His Father.

The Holy Spirit in us fuses together what we are and what we do. There is no possible way to separate the two. As Jesus leads us into a loving relationship with God, we now need others. Practical application of this plays itself out in unconditional acceptance of the people around us. In most cases, acceptance is not the big problem...time is the culprit. The time it takes to bring someone from one mind-set or center into another demands sacrifice. Jesus worked patiently with us...and still does. We must do the same with one another.

COMING KING

Nothing excites the heart and imagination of the believer as the thought of the Second Coming of Christ, our King. It has raised more questions and controversy, inspired more books, captured the attention of believer and non-believer alike, than most other theological questions. Yet the thing that excites most of us is the truth that at that moment "the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven...and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). Relationship! Glorious Relationship! Just

the thought of it again causes the spirit within to swell with anticipation of that blessed hope.

Our personal excitement and anticipation is not enough however. What about the person who lives next door to us, the lady who works at the desk next to ours, the kids with whom we rub elbows at school, the man who operates the corner gas station and the relatives who still do not have a personal relationship with our Savior? Will we write them off because of our spiritual busy-ness and the holy palpitations which we personally have because we are "preparing" to meet the Master?

Society around us longs for relationship. We pay huge amounts each year to belong to the best clubs, dress appropriately, live in the right places...all because we do not want to be left out. The eternal question of each generation is, "How do we relate?"

When Jesus commissioned the Disciples to go into all the world with the Gospel message, His instructions were to make disciples and to teach...get the converts personally involved with the Lord and with their fellow believers. We have that same commission today...get people personally related to Jesus and His Body, the Church. Christianity is not some atmospheric social change from heathen sub-culture to a "Christian" one; but new relationships with God and with one another.

This is not always an easy task. Jesus did not promise a "rose garden", but He did promise to be with us. It may be that the Church must learn again that we will never

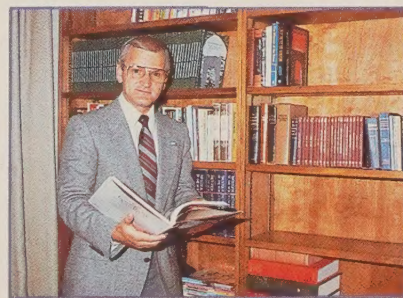
attract men to an easy "Way" filled with programming, promotion and projects; but it is the call of the heroic, that with which we can personally and intimately identify, which ultimately speaks to men's hearts and causes them to get involved and invest their lives.

The following statement has been a "standing guideline" for Sunday School teachers for generations: "In order for a student to learn to love my God, they must first learn to love me." I think it fits for the whole of our Christian walk.

A PRAYER RESPONSE:

Lord, help me live in such a way that my actions and thoughts will always be to lead others into personal relationship with me and then, to you.

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An Open Letter to an American Cousin

By Rev. Barry McGaffin

Dear Southern Cousin:

It's been said that the relationship of Canada to the United States is something like a flea sleeping with an elephant. When you roll over, we know all about it. Our 24+ million are extremely aware and continuously influenced by your 230 million. The U.S. media flows north with more velocity than even our cold fronts moving south.

To put it in short terms... we know a lot about you — your strengths, weaknesses, struggles and spiritual fervor. American affability makes it possible for us to watch you, copy you, and gain from you.

But what do you know about us? What have we let you see? Probably not that much!

So thanks, cuz, for the chance to let you know about us... your Foursquare family on the other side of the 49th. Hopefully, we're not the "frozen chosen!" But I do have to tell you — the Church in Canada is not the Church in the U.S.

The nation of Canada has never experienced national revival, and in fact, the two or three heavenly lightening strikes we have experienced have ended up with the fire soon flashing across to

your side of the border and being fanned and fueled into its hottest flames among your people.

What I'm saying, cousin, is that we need a national revival in Canada. Consider the following comparison: While *TIME* magazine reports 59 million evangelical protestants in the United States, or every fourth American claims to be a Bible-believing, born-again, church attender, in Canada statistics indicate only 3.5% attend conservative evangelical churches, and only another 3.4% attend main-line protestant churches. You see, cousin, when it comes to spiritual life, Canada is NOT America. We desperately need a nation-wide renewal. As one of my friends titled his book, "Canadian Revival: It's Our Turn."

That's the exciting part of what I've got to tell you. We are hungry up here, desperately hungry for revival. Here at the Kingsway Church, even though this church started over 50 years ago in the heat of local revival influenced by Aimee Semple McPherson, and enjoyed the solid ministry of some of the greatest pastors our denomination has ever known, our cry is still, "CANADA FOR CHRIST." Like the founding pastor, Anna D. Britton, we seek to be part of the mainstream of what God will do in this nation.



A Canadian Mosaic

By Rev. Grady Williams

Nestled against the foothills of the Canadian Rockies and one of Canada's finest cities is Calgary, Alberta. It will play host to the world — and the 1988 Winter Olympics. A modern city with a population of over 600,000, Calgary is certainly a key figure in God's purposes for Canada and in particular, the **FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH OF CANADA**.

Located 180 miles north is the sister city of Edmonton, the Provincial capital of Alberta. Calgary and Edmonton are linked by the smaller community of Red Deer.

It is in these cities that Foursquare churches have been strategically located and are presently experiencing the fresh vitality of God's presence. We share their testimonies with you as a representation of what God is doing throughout the entire Canadian Foursquare constituency.

CALGARY, ALBERTA

For over 20 years, the Calgary Foursquare Church had occupied a very old and small building, yet had always embraced a promise of revival. When Grady and Chris Williams came to the church eight years ago, God

spoke to their hearts and implanted in their minds that same vision of a thriving and effective work which would reach out, not only to the metropolis of Calgary, but to towns and communities throughout Alberta and other parts of Canada.

In 1981, the Williams' gave assistance to the pioneering of the Red Deer Foursquare Church which is presently experiencing steady growth under the guidance of Pastor Barry Dyck and his wife, Heather.

In February of 1985, the church was divinely led to purchase a new facility



and property situated on one of Calgary's major crossroads. Formerly an office-warehouse building, it has



They call it "THE CANADIAN MOSAIC" should one endeavor to paint a portrait of ethnic Canada, the canvas would be filled with nationalities from all over the globe. Most evident would be the hundreds of Indian tribes filling reserves from Vancouver Island in British Columbia to the shores of Newfoundland.

To these, the Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada is also committed. An example of that vision is the ministry of the Cam River Foursquare Church in Northern British Columbia. Rev. George Thomson, an Foursquare congregation minister registered to the Nootka Indian Tribe and are seeing dramatic development of spiritual leadership from within the reserves themselves.



In a recent meeting, through Dick Eastman of Change the World Ministries, the Lord again reiterated His call for us to be a fountain-head for ministry. Here at Kingsway, we want to be used by God in this day of our great national need. We want to be a planter of churches, a power of prayer and a strong moral force for Jesus. And thank God, we are seeing significant new beginnings in many of these areas.

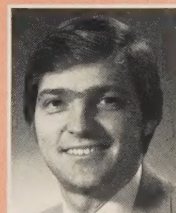
Another great thing is that the Kingsway Church, for years the largest Foursquare church in Canada, is now enjoying more and more the strength and growth of other churches in our Canadian family. Standing shoulder to shoulder, sharing the vision, we together expect to be in the mainstream when God's power is poured out across Canada. Here are the Lord's words recently made real to us:

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60:1-3 (NIV)

Pray for us, eh?!

One of your Canadian Cousins,
Barry C. McGaffin

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SPECIAL FEATURE: THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH OF CANADA



been beautifully renovated to function ideally as a place for worship and training. The congregation is 150 strong and continues to grow, not only in numbers, but in unity and vision. Pastor Williams writes, "The new facility marks only the beginning, the first step in seeing the fulfillment of the promise which burns deep in our hearts".

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

In Edmonton, there are two Foursquare churches. The Beverly Foursquare Gospel Church is pastored by Doug Hale. He and his wife, Sharon,

have served as pastors for three years and under their ministry, the congregation has grown from a "handful" to an average Sunday attendance of over 60. Doug reports that they are on the verge of an even greater breakthrough, as they are beginning to see renewed zeal and commitment to serving in the lives of the members.

Likewise, in just over two years, the Edmonton Foursquare Church has grown from a congregation of eight people to over 100. Pastor Bryan Adams has led his congregation in a dynamic evangelistic outreach to the streets of

Edmonton. The church sponsored "Dominion Day" (July 1st) festivities on the steps of the Parliament Building and thousands gathered to hear the Gospel in song, drama and preaching. The church has recently started meetings in other facilities, leasing office space in an Edmonton shopping mall.

RED DEER, ALBERTA

Though only four years old, the Red Deer Foursquare Church has a strong foundation and is already a well established work. Pastor Barry Dyck is committed to seeing the believers grow in the knowledge of the Word and having an impact of this city of 45,000 inhabitants. The congregation now averages 60-70 in attendance and presently meets in a community centre. Please pray for them as they are seeking more permanent residence in a place they can call "home".



Rev. Grady Williams is pastor of Calgary, Alberta Foursquare Gospel Church.



The Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada is alive and well. Though having a long history, still the church is very young: young in leadership, young in vision, young in renewal and young in their sense of destiny. They have not yet experienced the blessings of 'phenomenal growth',

but are steadily increasing in their visibility, effectiveness and reputation. God has given new direction and our Canadian brethren know that they are being prepared to minister in even greater ways. It is a sure thing — because God has promised it!

A Canadian Mosaic



By Dr. Victor Gardner, President, Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada

A FUTURE FULL OF PROMISE

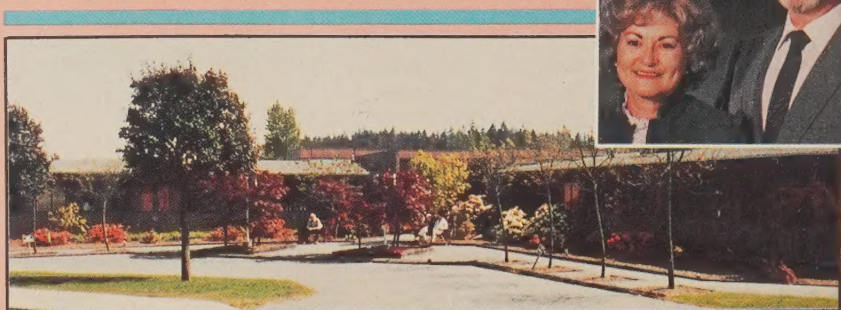
In 1973, when Dorothy and I came to Canada, it was to assume the pastorate of Kingsway Church and serve as Supervisor of what was then known as the Western Canada District. Comprised of churches within the three western provinces of Canada, this District operated in much the same fashion as the nine Districts in the United States. However, within the first year, certain events took place revealing the imminent need to form a National Church. This was not to be accomplished without a certain amount of frustration, one being the many requirements of the Canadian government relating to this type of activity. For sure, we were breaking new ground. The Lord gave the needed patience and wisdom to work with and through the paper work to fulfill the regulations of the various departments of government.

Another of the major considerations was the inclusion of the Foursquare churches in the Province of Ontario, at that time functioning as a part of the Eastern District in the United States. They immediately embraced the call to become part of the national church believing it to be a move ordered of the Lord.

We must also mention the co-operation of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel. Dr. Nicholls and Dr. Duarte, serving as liaison between the merging corporation in Canada and International Headquarters, offered their invaluable support and guidance.

The FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH OF CANADA, duly constituted and properly registered, became a reality in 1981. Victor Gardner was appointed to serve as its first President and General Supervisor.

Forming of a National Church brought with it a new and fresh vision on the part of both leadership and laity. Realizing that we are now responsible



Central Park Manor represents a major community outreach of the Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada. Although administered as a separate non-profit society, it is under the "umbrella" of the Canadian Field. It provides a comprehensive range of services to its 97 elderly residents and has earned an excellent reputation in the health care community. Its services include nursing, dietary, housekeeping and interest activities. Most important, we have a committed Foursquare chaplaincy minister-

ing to the spiritual needs of the residents at precisely the time when those needs are most pressing.

Administrator, Steve Gardner and the Board of Directors governing the Manor have realized their goals of providing a much needed community service within a supportive, caring, competent, Christian setting. This is an important area of ministry and the Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada is effectively meeting its responsibility to the community.

for our own destiny, we are gripped with a new serious concern for the future. Anna Britton's battle cry, "CANADA FOR CHRIST", bears new meaning. Within the past year we have seen six new churches birthed. A Korean congregation numbering about 130 has now affiliated with us (our first ethnic church). A body of believers in Nelson, British Columbia is seeking approval to become a Foursquare Gospel church. A graduate from Mt. Vernon Bible College is answering the call to pioneer a new work in the city of Toronto, Ontario. A graduate from LIFE Bible College of Canada, along with her family, has also moved to Toronto with the same vision. Several of these undertakings resulting in new works have been a sovereign work of God, in that we were simply contacted after a group had been formed and were meeting on a regular basis. Some were already

sending tithes to the national office.

Most recently, through many prophecies among our own Canadian constituency and other visitors, God has promised a special visitation of His Spirit upon our Nation. One main theme of prophecy depicts a mighty stream or river beginning in the west and flowing towards the east. It promises to fill all the parched and dry places, bringing new life and vitality to every region. We have embraced this "word" and are praying with great expectancy.

We covet your participation with us in interceding for revival within our existing churches and for the mighty outpouring of God's Spirit which will touch this land in accordance with those promises so many have spoken and which so many longing hearts have embraced.

Dr. Victor Gardner

YOUTH WILL FOLLOW! THE QUESTION IS, "WHO?"

By Rev. Brad Davis

Youth will follow! Our question is is who or what will they follow? Left to themselves, youth will respond to leadership the world has to offer. They will pattern their lives after everyone from Rambo to Pee Wee Herman. They will pursue everything from drugs to material possessions. They will do so heroically, full speed ahead.

However, given proper guidance and admired Christian role models, youth are capable and willing to make tremendous sacrifices for the Kingdom of God. Youth will respond to Christian leadership. All we need to do is provide it for them. **YOUTH WILL FOLLOW!**

Jeremiah, in Lamentations, said, "It is good for a man that he should bear the YOKE in his youth." The yoke is used to channel strength and energy. It will guide and limit. Without one, the ox won't work! One of America's well-known youth speakers, Dawson McAlister, said at a recent Youth-workers Convention, "The problem with Christian youth-workers is we don't require enough from the kids!" We haven't put the yoke on their stiff little necks.

A number of years ago, I was complaining to my pastor about the kids in our youth group. I moaned about how they were unmotivated, apathetic and generally a tough group to lead. There was virtually no leadership in the group and I was weekly growing more frustrated. Expecting to get a lot of sympathy and talk about how today's kids just aren't spiritually alive, I was shocked when the pastor looked straight at me and simply stated, "You reap what you sow." I had neglected to put the yoke on our youth. As a result, they were wandering aimlessly with no real direction in their lives. In my desire to entertain youth with a quality program, I neglected to require things from them and prepare them for leadership. Youth leadership, to be effective, must concern itself with three essential yokes. These are:

THE YOKE OF RELATIONSHIP

The first task of youth leadership is to

guide them to a first hand experiential knowledge of God. The affiliation of childhood faith must become the personal knowing of mature believers. Youth will choose God for themselves as they personally taste and see God is good. As youth are prayerfully led into the Word to discover the truth of who God is and as they observe leadership in church and home consciously depending on God, an atmosphere will be created conducive to youth experiencing the Lord personally.

Youth leadership must not only develop relationship with the Father, but also with the Body of Christ. Local church youth ministry will be effective as it is a reflection of what the Lord is doing in the whole church. The life of the church must be taken to the youth. This is accomplished by youth leaders who themselves are in tune to where the Lord is leading the entire congregation. By faithful attendance, being involved in worship and regularly communicating with the pastor, youth leaders will be able to integrate youth into the overall church rather than operating separately from it.

THE YOKE OF DISCIPLESHIP

Once personal relationship with the Lord and church is established, youth leadership will involve itself with discipleship. Again, "leading" is the key. Discipleship doesn't happen automatically. It is the result of well-defined goals and purposes. In every church, there are youth who will respond to the challenge of discipleship made by admired adult leaders. When leaders meet with youth, teaching them to pray, study the Word and live for Christ on a day-to-day basis, youth will grow in their faith and naturally respond to the third yoke of development, service.

THE YOKE OF SERVICE

One prominent Christian sociologist has labeled the current generation of youth as the most selfish generation to ever exist. This may be true among unbelievers, but in the church, youth are responding as never before to serve the Lord and use their gifts, abilities and resources to further God's Kingdom. Leadership must provide opportunity for youth to put their faith to work in the local church, their community and the world.

In the local church, youth can serve by learning to lead in worship, calling on visitors, praying for their peers and many other tasks. In the community, youth can serve at their schools, senior citizens' homes, outreach projects or community service projects. The opportunity to love others is endless. In the world, youth can contribute to missions not only financially but physically through T.A.S.T.E. teams and church sponsored mission trips. While preparing and sending youth on a missions trip is very costly, there is probably no greater investment a local church can make in its youth. Not only are people won to the Lord through these projects, but many youth are called into full-time service and almost all are strengthened in their faith and Christian growth.

Youth leadership is not to be taken lightly and requires much more than a hurried lesson preparation thrown together late Saturday night. It takes commitment from not only the pastor but the entire church. One of the first goals of any local church should include the hiring of a full-time, trained staff person for youth leadership. This position must not be seen as a stepping stone to future pastoral work or as a training ground for newly graduated Bible students. It is too important for that. If the church cannot staff for youth leadership, at the very minimum it can budget for the training of lay workers and send volunteer staff to youth leadership training conferences and camps. It can also provide materials both for the leader and the youth to further the growth process. From a "Youth Leader's Library" to discipleship material for the youth, the church must be willing to make an investment in their youth.

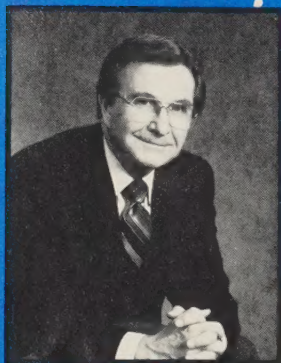
Leadership of youth is essential. Without it we are leaving church related youth without guidance and challenge. Remember ...**YOUTH WILL FOLLOW, IT IS UP TO US TO GIVE THEM SOMEONE TO FOLLOW.**

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The View From Here

A World Mission Viewpoint

By Dr. Paul Hackett

NEW INNOVATIONS ARE NEEDED
FOR WORLD EVANGELIZATION

As Four-square Churches continue to spring globally, our vision for the '80s is taking on new dimensions, and new innovations are needed. Among them, a concerted effort to recruit Afro-Americans, Hispanics and Asians in the task of impacting the world with the Gospel. I, for one, can envision the Foursquare Church in imminent reality setting the pace. Here's how it started with us.

Nearly a year ago we began thinking about our church forming a summer ministry T.A.S.T.E. Team. The team would go overseas to minister in another country, touching them with Christ's love. That 'idea' became a plan, then last summer (1985), a reality. Our destination: Nigeria. All of the team were from our church except Evangelist Forrest Lowe, who is a regular guest speaker at our church, and Rev. Stephen Overton, Pastor of the Centinela, CA Foursquare Church.

Our ministry in Nigeria was exciting and intense. The whole team labored together in teaching and preaching. Often we would divide into teams of 3 and 4 fanning out and ministering to 2, 3 and 4 of our Foursquare churches simultaneously.

Besides its versatility, the team's unusual ethnic balance provided a positive statement for cross cultural unity to our Nigerian churches. They saw our team bound together in love ministering effectually. And in light of the fact that today, the Church of Jesus Christ globally is now 53% non-white, growing fastest in Africa, Asia and South America, that same Church is to be a harbinger in showing that Christ is neither Jew nor Greek. This could be an example for further teams going out.

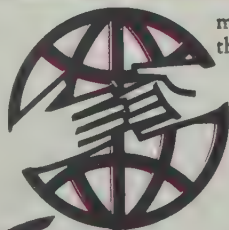
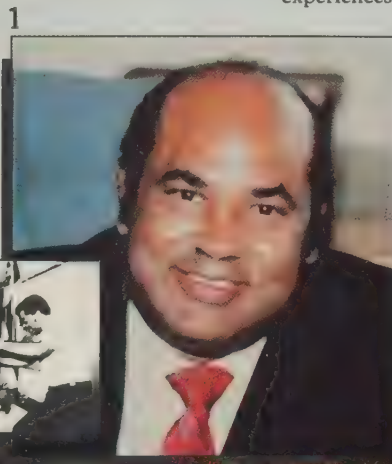
Many have asked what were the most impressive aspects of my experiences in Nigeria. As I reflect back, I must say it was the privilege to minister to those noble people. I found the Nigerians to be an intelligent, courteous, and humble people, especially in the Christian ranks. The morning that Sarah and I ministered to the Yaba Foursquare Church's 2000 members, the presence of God gave us a sense of fulfillment of something our hearts had always longed for, but never quite knew what the longing was about. You see, in a real sense we were "home". That same morning Terry Gainer, a freshman at L.I.F.E. Bible College, brought a message to the congregation and as Sarah sang, it seemed as though the hearts of those Nigerians were caught in the throes of her Gospel lyrics.

There is another experience I will never forget. After ministering at the Ibadan Church, the pastor's little five year old daughter came quietly and knelt down before us. Shyly, looking up at our faces with the prettiest grayish eyes you will ever see, she simply said, "Welcome". I cannot explain the advance of that

moment, but it did something to my heart. Even as I write of this epoch in my life, tears are in my eyes. Now I feel I have some concept of what Paul might have felt as he saw the vision of a Macedonian saying "Come over and help us." I know that if God spares my life, I must go again to other parts of the world. "Here am I, Lord, send me."

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2. T.A.S.T.E. Team to Nigeria: Rev. Steve Overton, Terry Gainer, Tully Ellsburg, Sheila Evans, Sarah Hackett, Dr. Paul Hackett, Rev. Forrest Lowe and Sandra Shoemake.



Touch
Your World



Vision Begins

THE VISION BEGINS

Harold Williams thought it was a good idea; but teaching English as a second language was not God's strategy to reach Brazil.

From the swampy, steamy jungles, where vast numbers of tribal peoples lived, to the massive modern cities, Brazil teemed with millions of people. In 1945, the awesome task of reaching them with the Gospel was the primary concern for the first Foursquare missionaries to Brazil, Harold and Mary Williams. However, after five years of teaching English as a second language, Harold's evangelistic strategy had gained only meager results. The plan was not working...but what would? Harold decided to fast and pray for thirty days asking God to show him His strategy.

In the city of Lins, a group of Christians had been praying for years that God would send revival. Harold, together with Rev. Slim Boatwright, an American Foursquare evangelist, felt led of God to hold an evangelistic meeting in the city of Lins. Soon the auditoriums were overflowing with people and in 1952, the first tent revival was conducted. Nine thousand people accepted Christ, accompanied by hundreds of miracles and healings. As the tent campaigns, which often lasted two to three months, spread, the national media carried the news to the public as revivals began to sweep the nation.

In 1955, a National headquarters was established in Sao Paulo. To supply urgently needed pastors and evangelists for the burgeoning work, a Bible college was started in 1956, and 83 students enrolled. In 1960, Foursquare churches numbered 96...two years later, the number of churches had more than doubled. In 1962, Rev. George Faulkner, newly elected President of the Brazilian work, undertook an aggressive national leader training program.



THE VISION TODAY

Today, there are more than 45 Foursquare Churches and meeting places located in virtually every state and territory of the nation. Membership exceeds 725,000 people. There are 13 Bible colleges with 1,000 students and over 14,000 enrolled correspondence schools. With this reserve of people in ministry training, tomorrow's Church stands ready to invade still unreached areas of the nation.

Every means of evangelism is being used. Years ago, it was tents. Today, television and radio have taken over with more than 2,000 daily radio programs and many of the churches telecasting the marvelous Word of God.

Strong Churches With Strong Ministry

To guarantee durability and strength in Brazil, a Foursquare church is not considered established until it owns or is buying its property, completely supports its pastor, has an active Sunday School and is fully organized with a minimum of 50 members. More than 50% of the established churches in Brazil have multiple services on Sunday with 18 to 21 services weekly. In one city, Belo Horizonte, there are 280 churches, and in Curitiba, there are 44, in Belem du Para there are 76 and this is repeated in city after city.

When he was ten years old Dorival Santos was sent to school to become a priest. Unfortunately, he became blind in one eye and began losing his sight in the other. While returning home to his mother who was dying of cancer, Dorival heard a pastor preaching on healing. Despite unbelief, he covered his eyes as the pastor led in prayer. When he uncovered them, he could see clearly. After much resistance Dorival convinced his mother to attend the church. In answer to prayer, she also was miraculously healed.

Today, ten years later, Dorival, the eldest of 23 children, is a Foursquare pastor and his entire family attend Brazilian Foursquare churches.

It all started more than forty years ago...a story of faith and power!





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Where Can We Fit In

We can partner with Brazilian workers through earnest prayer and our regular financial gifts. This makes us co-workers. Through prayer, resistant

hearts are softened and closed doors are opened. You may ask, "What should I pray for?" George Faulkner answers directly:

1. Pray for the evangelization of Brazil. Pray that every strata of society be confronted with the Gospel of Christ.
2. Pray for miraculous out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in a demonstration of God's healing and delivering power.
3. Pray for our 7,000 workers already committed to reach Brazil for Christ. Many of these workers live in outlying areas where people are extremely poor.
4. Give and back your giving with prayer. Your financial support enables George and Jane Faulkner, Dale and Patti Downs and their family, Louise Aerial and Cal and Voni Hall to continue ministering in Brazil. These are profitable workers who provide great encouragement, inspiration and practical assistance to the growing church. Last year the cost of housing, utilities, travel, food, plus ministry equipment for evangelization and church planting was \$91,927. There is no better return available on the dollars invested.

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Last year, 550 churches were opened, 191,200 people made decisions for Christ, while the number of members and adherents rose by 275,100. 1000's of people were healed of physical maladies and 68,200 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Your partnership can extend the horizons of the Foursquare Church in Brazil as it not only reaches its own people, but also reaches out to the world.

1. Rev. Harold Williams; 2 & 3. Tent Evangelism; 4. Thousands of converts & water baptisms; 5. Gospel Marches; 6. Churches established; 7. George & Jane Faulkner in 1962 assumed leadership; 8 & 9. Training of evangelists and pastors; 10. George Faulkner today.

own after town throughout the nation. In addition, hidden people groups are being reached successfully and the Brazilian church is growing at a rate of more than one church each day.

THE VISION OF TOMORROW

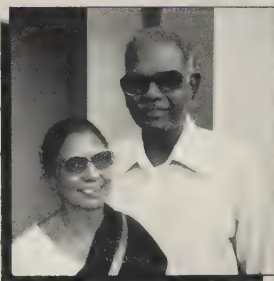
When asked what the Spirit of the Lord is doing to the hearts of the Brazilian church, George Faulkner immediately responds, "The same message we have had right from the beginning, the urgency to evangelize. The Lord is coming! And here in Brazil, we have perfect liberty to work!" The goal for the year 1985 was set at twelve new churches every week. Last year in Brazil, over 1,000 churches were established under the Foursquare banner. The end of 1985 saw more than 5,200 Foursquare congregations in Brazil.

The goal is 11,900 churches and meetings by the end of 1990. At the current growth rate they expect to reach the target by 1988. The Brazilian church has refined their strategy and the next step is to establish a church in every one of the 4,000 counties. By 1990, they also envision tripling their college students to 3,600.

The Brazilian church is also a missionary church. In 1985, they planted churches in Paraguay and Uruguay. In addition, the Brazilian church's strategy includes reaching out to other Portuguese speaking countries such as Portugal, Angola and other Portuguese nations.



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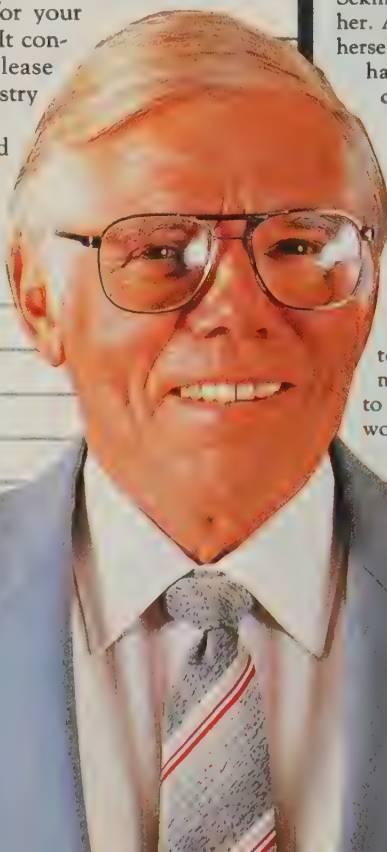
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The statistics are overwhelming! However, there is something more. Behind the facts there are ordinary people who have extraordinary reports of the diligent ministry of dedicated Foursquare workers. These are God's "Good News Makers". And, their stories are really "our" stories.

It's my pleasure to share with you a few of the scores of special reports made possible every month because of your prayers and financial support. Thank you for your faithfulness. It continues to release effective ministry world wide.

Dr. Leland
Edwards

Director of
Foursquare Missions
International



PAPUA NEW GUINEA: Craig and Lynn Smith (Australian Missionaries)

"Help me, please help!" Seking, a Foursquare believer heard the plaintive cry of the woman lying at the edge of the road. The woman, a social outcast, explained that she had been driven out of her home by her family because of her "anti-social sickness" ...continuous rectal bleeding. She had no food, no shelter and no medical cure. Having nothing material to give to her, Seking prayed and believed Jesus to heal her. After the prayer, the woman washed herself and discovered that the bleeding had stopped. The next Sunday at church, Seking led her new friend who had met Jesus the Healer, to Jesus the Saviour.

INDIA: John and Vijaya Gnanaolivu

Despite the overwhelming predominance of idol worship, the work in India is stabilizing. There are now 7,100 believers meeting in 77 churches, ministered to by 56 pastors. Fifty extension ministries are currently reaching out to the lost. In addition, Foursquare workers have penetrated 19 previously unreached hidden people groups

and envision
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COLOMB

John and Jean Firth

In 1938, John and Jean Firth were fle from a mob determined to drive out "the protestants". The Firths underwent some persecution during those early years in Colombia. However, 47 years later at that same site, they joined in the dedication of a beautiful new church building, filled with people equipped for mission and a love for their community.

National Missionary Triumphs

Pastor Julip Pacheco, a Colombian missionary to Peru, and who is supported by the Colombian church, has established churches along the Putumayo river among five previously unreached and hidden indigenous tribes. It is also reported that tribal peoples have built their own church building — a mark of triumph for the faith.

Progress Continues

Eleven years ago, there were no churches and no pastors in Cali, the host city of the recent pastors' conference attended by national pastors and workers. Today in Cali, there are 26 well organized churches and almost 200 other congregations meeting.



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THE TRUTH BEHIND THE STATISTICS

ATEMALA: Lee and Lisa Schnabel

Good News To The Tzutujil Indians

triumphant breakthrough has occurred. Tzutujil (Soo-Too-HEEL) Indians have been baptized in water. These firstfruits of our newly established mission among this group of Indians located in the Lake Atitcan area. In addition, Lee and Lisa that in just one year, a church on the Salvador border has tripled in size and is already pioneering a new congregation.

MACAO: Larry Six

Children Of The Orphanage Are Blessed

The evangelistic fervor of the young people of our church in Macao has led them to evangelize the residents of this remote colony. These young men and women are the fruit of years of tender care for the children of the Macao orphanage. They have grown up to love the Lord. Hundreds of people gather as they sing and praise Jesus' saving power on the streets of Macao.

PRAYER FOCUS

*Getting Down On Our Knees
...Let's Pray!*

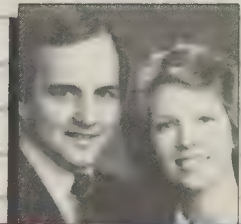
ARGENTINA: As the Spirit of revival moves through the land, missionaries Mike and Lolita Frederick, plus national leaders feel an urgent need for a strategy from God for growth. Pray.

PUERTO RICO: As plans develop for new fields in the Caribbean, Dean and Carlene Truett request prayer for continued open doors. They have targeted Grand Canyon, Cuba, Barbados, The Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago. Pray.

NIGERIA: Because of job shortages and an overpopulation of immigrants, the government many require foreigners to leave the country. This means Bible students from Ghana and Benin would be forced to leave their Bible College studies in mid course. Pray that their training might continue and that they would find ministry wherever they reside.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Revitalization of the work is needed among the 4,000 inhabitants in the isolated area around the remote Gotomi station where George and Pauline Willy oversee many Foursquare churches. Pray.



1. Believers of Papua New Guinea
2. John and Vijaya Gnanaolivu — India
3. John & Jean Firth — Colombia
4. Nigerian Bible College graduates
5. Lee & Lisa Schnabel — Guatemala
6. Macao Evangelistic Outreach
7. Argentina believers partner in prayer
8. Dean & Carlene Truett — Puerto Rico
9. Travel difficult in Highlands of Papua New Guinea

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BOB ANDERSON, FILMMAKER

By Rev. Tim Peterson

HOLLYWOOD

and the film industry seem to be worlds apart from the experiences that most of us have. In fact, even though our lives are

highly influenced by the electronic media, we think of actors, directors and producers as those who live in a world that is bigger than life.

In a day when the material we see on television is becoming increasingly hard for Christians to watch, we tend to recoil from people who work in the field of media and consign them to a godless and hopeless future.

It is interesting to know that at the very beginning of the era of mass communication, God called Aimee Semple McPherson to establish her base of ministry on the front steps, so to speak, of Hollywood. Throughout her life and for decades to follow, many of tinsel-town's renown have been confronted by the Gospel in a variety of ways — from seeing the illustrated sermons at Angelus Temple or watching colorful parades with marching bands, to hearing the Word preached at the corner of Hollywood and Vine.

Today, spiritual seeds are still being planted in this industry that has become a pivotal point in our society. There are Foursquare churches in the San Fernando Valley that have reached out in love to hurting people and in response, a number of TV and Movie personalities have found new life in Jesus. Also, several believers in our churches have felt called to be part of the trade. Among them is Bob Anderson, who has been actively involved in Foursquare churches for years.

Bob has had a vision of expressing his faith to the masses since he first met the Lord. In 1971, he began attending a small but growing Foursquare Church in Van Nuys, California. After hearing a few messages by Pastor Jack Hayford, Bob yanked out a dusty tape recorder from his closet and began what is now known as the Soundword Tape Ministry. "I resisted the temptation to call this new ministry 'Jack in the Box,'" Bob quips, "but 'Church On The Way In A Box' wasn't much better.



Bob interviews former President Carter for the film, "Heart of the Race".

"My life is not resourced in film,
but IS in Jesus Christ."



So we settled on 'Soundword'."

During his six and one-half years on the church's staff, Bob started the graphics department and developed several publications. He also created slide shows with synchronized sound tracks and the idea of communicating the Gospel through films became an increasing interest. Upon graduating from L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1978, Bob went to work for Harper Films and among other projects, helped produce **MORE THAN WINNING**, a Christian sports film with Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys, and other Christian athletes.

THE FILM won two major international awards. When Billy Graham saw it, he tapped it as the first film made outside his own association to be distributed by World Wide Pictures. As a result, Bob was hired by Chuck Warren, President of Life Productions in Atlanta, Georgia to head up four new films, which have already been entered in several international film festivals winning three silver and three gold awards for excellence.

His four latest films include: **BELIEVING FOR THE BEST IN YOU**, a fast-paced youth dramatic presentation; **FRACTURED FAMILIES**, a humorous but moving portrayal of life at home; **THEY LIED TO US**, which explores the impact that the media is having on this generation; and **HEART OF THE RACE**, a unique film for all ages of people dealing

with the reality of living for Jesus Christ. Besides featuring several personalities from the Foursquare family such as Ivy Stanton, Jack Hayford, Stormy Omartian and Jamie Owens-Collins, the films include Charles Colson, Randy Gradishar of the Denver Broncos and others. Christian leaders who have viewed these most recent productions acclaim them as among the best ever created for presenting the power of the Gospel. Professional film-makers have taken notice as well, for in October 1985, **HEART OF THE RACE** was awarded **BEST OF CATEGORY** in the "COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL" which means it will automatically be entered in the Academy Awards. *The above films are available to churches through Foursquare Publications, 1100 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90026.

When asked about his future in film-making, Bob said, "I've laid it down many times at Jesus' feet in a sort of 'throw-down-your-rod-Moses' experience. Maybe someday, He will take it away forever. My life is not resourced in film, but IS Jesus Christ. But if it is the Lord's pleasure to continue this avenue of communication in my life, I'd like to someday write and direct

a feature film that would reach into the theaters with the true power of the Gospel and touch individuals who are turning to the world of fantasy for relief. I know I'm dreaming and that only God could bring about such an achievement. But, whenever I get discouraged with this of my heart, the Holy Spirit reminds me that God is the Lord of the impossible!"

For those of us in the Foursquare family who have only viewed the Hollywood scene from the glossy screen in our living room, there are some things that are helpful to know: First, God hasn't retreated from the arena of the media where Satan is unleashing his insidious power. Rather, He is saving the souls of many in the industry and calling others to be Salt and Light in this decaying and darkening realm. Second, all of us can pray for this unusual mission field. And as for Bob, who is ready to "throw down his rod"...let's lift up his hands, as the priests did for Moses, for the battle is not yet won.



Rev. Tim Peterson currently serves as pastor of the Decatur, Illinois Foursquare Gospel Church. He is former Editor of the Foursquare World **ADVANCE**.

Women In Petticoats & Combat Boots Invade Washington!

By Mrs. Shirley West

Religious freedom in America has never faced a graver threat than today. We have seen voluntary prayer thrown out of our public schools, the Ten Commandments stripped from school walls. We have witnessed the right to life denied to millions of unborn babies while the rights of homosexuals are paraded in our streets, courts and the media. Many Christian women have felt they could maintain a feeling of neutrality, but increasing hostility and harassment of Christians by government, the media and intellectuals today reveals the truth. Neutrality toward religion and biblical truths is a myth. Jesus Christ was clear on this point. He said "he that is not with me is against me and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matthew 12:30).

God has enforced the realization of these truths to the hearts of members of United Foursquare Women. One hundred and forty of them gathered in Washington, D.C. for a



Cathy Wist, Joyce Thornberry and Linda Brewer with Senator David Pryor - Arkansas

*I hear the rustle of the petticoats,
The sound of marching feet.
The army of the Lord moves on,
They will not know defeat.*



Prayer Convention, November 5-9, 1985 realizing that God had given them the power and authority to make a vital difference in their country. They did not go as feminists shrilly demanding women's rights, but as women of God, clothed with a gentle and quiet spirit. Their theme, "Petticoats in Combat Boots" spoke to the

*It offers challenges to all
As the bugle blows aloud.
It is the willing who are marching
And not the wailing crowd.*

*He's put His Hand upon our heads;
His call upon our heart.
There's no doubt that He's our
Leader*

And we all will do our part.

*March On! March On! Our Leader
calls,
And into boots we slip.
In petticoats and boots we march;
We're moving at a clip!*

truth that they were ready to do battle against the forces of darkness, yet, not in the same fashion as the world. The trip to Washington, D.C. was a challenge to equip the spiritual woman to begin to act on the religious, moral and social concerns of our day.

Tuesday, November 5

The Opening Session was begun by an Armed Forces Color Guard, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of our National Anthem. Barrie Lyons, Vice President of Concerned Women for America, formally welcomed the ladies to Washington and introduced the ministries of Concerned Women for America. Mrs. Carolyn Sundseth, Assistant Director, Office of Public Liaison to the White House, was the keynote speaker. She is a Spirit-filled woman of God and emphasized our great weapon of prayer.

Wednesday, November 6

The ladies boarded a bus that took them to the Congressional Building where they had breakfast in the Rayburn Building. Senator Phil Graham from Texas welcomed the ladies and after a time of praising God in both their natural and heavenly languages, Congressman Mark Siljander from Michigan spoke. This pentecostal man of God related the story of the five wise and five unwise virgins,

*The warfare is before us;
The battle we will win!
In petticoats and combat boots,
We're conquering in Him!*

— Winona Helms

Time alone will reveal what all the Holy Spirit has begun in the Foursquare women who were privileged to be in Washington, D.C. for this event. Our prayer was that it would not only be a week of learning about our government and our Capitol, but that it would birth in us all a hunger and determination to be militant without being domineering about our faith and prayer life as it relates to our

encouraging the ladies to remain filled with the Holy Spirit and be prepared for the coming of our Bridegroom. The women were then encouraged to stroll through the building claiming it in prayer for the cause of Christ.

The next stop was the Pentagon for lunch, tour and briefing. Nita Scoggan, who has worked in the Pentagon for 25 years and conducts Bible studies both in the Pentagon and White House, was our hostess. The afternoon was concluded with a tour by Ed Boyer, President of Washington Aviation Ministry of the Aeronautical Division of the Smithsonian Institute.

At that evening's banquet, a number of outreach ministries provided displays and literature. Some of these were: Christian Legal Society, the Freedom Council, Light-house Ministries, Concerned Women for America, Christian Heritage Tours, and Washington Aviation Ministry. The speaker for the evening held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel was Sam Ericsson, Attorney with the Christian Legal Society. Psalm 37 served as a basis for the testimony of two outstanding victories for the cause of Christ: the recent case against John McArthur, Grace Community Church, and the Equal Access Law.

Thursday, November 7

On November 7, over a continental breakfast, Roy Jones, Legislative Director of Moral Majority, Washington, D.C. briefed the ladies on "How to Approach Your Senator" and suggested several issues to discuss with their representatives. Time

was then given for them to visit the Senator or Congressman from their District.

The highlight of the trip took place that afternoon with a briefing at the White House. Briefings were presented by John Lencowski, Director of European and Soviet Affairs on the National Security Council; Gary Bauer, Under Secretary, Department of Education; Constantine Menges, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director of Latin American Affairs for the National Security Council; Joan Decain, Director of Volunteers, Executive Office of the President; Carl A. Anderson, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison; and C. Everett Koop, Surgeon General of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services. A reception was held in the Indian Treaty Room at the White House and was a special treat.

The day was concluded with an evening banquet where the speaker was Herb Ellingwood, Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protective Board. He shared with us many miracles of healing and salvation that has taken place as he and others have prayed for people there in the White House. He suggested that the most effective way to pray for government leaders and situations is by using one's prayer language.

Friday, November 8

Friday began with a powerful prayer meeting. Each member of the United Foursquare Women's Board was anointed and prayed for in recognition of the mighty responsibility God has laid before them. A tour of the Washington, D.C. area was

conducted from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. by Christian Heritage Tours. This company has researched the many references to the Word of God and godly themes engraved in the government buildings. It was an inspiration to be made aware of these truths and to stop on several occasions to offer prayer for a particular office of government.

Saturday, November 9

The week was concluded with a Saturday morning Prayer Breakfast. Elayne Bennett, wife of Wm. Bennett, Secretary, Department of Education, spoke of special opportunities afforded us to minister in prayer. Mrs. Dee Jepsen, wife of Senator Roger Jepsen from Iowa, and herself the author of *BEYOND EQUAL RIGHTS*, brought the concluding message.

Our original goals for this event had been: 1) to set an example of concern and care for our country, showing God's pattern of spiritual warfare and victory; 2) to arouse in our own hearts a greater realization of the need of a prayer ministry and to make us informed of definite needs and people to cover with God's blessing; 3) by our very presence and ministry, to speak blessing and peace upon our National leaders and government, providing a secure time free from war and hostilities for our girls to grow into womanhood; and 4) to influence our National leaders to stand with us for righteousness and to encourage them to support laws that do the same. As they returned home, each lady realized that she had participated in a move of God and those goals had most certainly been accomplished. 4



Dr. John Holland praying with Congressman Mark Siljander - Michigan



The ladies also visited their respective Senators and Congressmen.



Mrs. Shirley West, Int'l President of the United Foursquare Women with Mrs. Bev Brafford

great nation.

God graced us with ministries through men and women in every meeting that built, line upon line, to give us the results for which we had all prayed. Our times set aside for prayer and ministry were powerful and life changing. Most important, the lives that were changed will in turn effect many others.

Mrs Margaret Hicks
Wife of General Supervisor

I was very much impressed with the reception I received from everyone in Washington, D.C., especially our senators from Arkansas, Dale Bumpers

and David Pryor. They both informed me they are Christians.

Spiritually speaking, before my trip, I had painted a very grim picture in my mind about Washington, D.C. and our political officials. But while there, I found the light of God shining in every branch of government. I thank the Lord for Shirley West who seeks the Lord for guidance and follows His leadership.

Mrs. Linda Brewer
Pastor's wife now serving at Benton, Arkansas

I believe I will always look upon my trip to Washington, D.C. as a life changing

event. I became aware, really for the first time, of my responsibility as a citizen of this country.

It's not up to us to criticize or blame someone else. Each of us has a command from the Scriptures to "pray for those in authority over you." We have also been given the unique privilege to speak out and let our voice be heard; a privilege so few of us ever use.

My prayer is now that I will become a "doer of the Word" so that healing and forgiveness may come to our nation.

Mrs. Anita McDonald
Pastor's wife now serving at New Castle, Indiana



L.I.F.E.

PLANS MOVE TO SAN DIMAS

For many of us, the lyrics, "L.I.F.E., I love you!", sends warmth of memory and gratefulness through our hearts. Surely, that great institution became to us a "Teacher of love divine." Recently, it was announced that in the future, L.I.F.E. Bible College would be relocating its campus to San Dimas, California. The ADVANCE has had the privilege of interviewing Dr. Jack Hamilton, President of the College, regarding the planned move. Following are the significant portions of that interview:

ADVANCE: We have heard that L.I.F.E. Bible College is preparing to relocate; how did such a development come about? What led to such a decision?

DR. HAMILTON: Yes, we are preparing to relocate in the community of San Dimas, California. For some time, there has been the need to develop more facilities for the training of men and women in the work of the ministry. Some of these needed facilities are: more classrooms, more student housing, a multi-purpose building for use as an auditorium and gymnasium,

administrative and faculty offices, more library space, and more area for student parking. Over the course of the last decade, the Board of Regents has been studying possible solutions. A number of sites were investigated as well as some study was done about developing the present college location. However, when the San Dimas property became available, the consensus of the L.I.F.E. Trustees and Regents was that this site be purchased and developed.

ADVANCE: Where is San Dimas, California and what type of land and facilities did the College purchase?

DR. HAMILTON: The city of San Dimas is located approximately twenty-two miles east of the present college campus. Within one mile of the new campus site, there is a convergence of five freeway systems. The site itself is 500 yards from a freeway off-ramp. The nine acre site is flat and formerly a church property. Presently, there is a large auditorium (25,000 sq. ft.) with 2,000 sq. ft. of administrative office

space. There is also a two-story educational building containing 16 classrooms, two offices and a kitchen.

ADVANCE: What advantages do you see this providing the College in space, campus life, academics and ministry training?

DR. HAMILTON: As the College continues to respond to the expressed needs of our Foursquare Movement, the responsibility to provide adequate training becomes acute. There are, in the present curriculum, courses designed to develop men and women in a wide variety of areas of ministry for which they sense a particular leading of the Lord. In the early days of the training offered by the College, the focus was on one basic area of ministry: that of preaching and pastoring. Today the College is educating and training people in all phases of ministry. The commitment to answering the call for trained workers in all facets of church ministry demands more space for classrooms, accommodations for increased



faculty, a larger library and an environment that is conducive to learning. The San Dimas site will provide for the spatial needs of the College until the end of the century.

The newer facilities will allow the College to design classrooms with the thought toward maximum learning. Built-in audio/visual facilities will greatly assist instructors in their presentations. This is just one example of how learning will be facilitated. One of the most pressing needs that has faced us has been for increased library space. As the College's book collection grows (we now have 26,000 cataloged volumes), more area for stacking will be needed. Since one of the requirements for those in ministry is the researching of sources for presenting the gospel in the most effective library space is a necessity in order for students to acquire those skills so necessary for teaching and preaching with authority and knowledge.

Campus security is a great need. We are addressing this challenge in the new campus plan. The site will provide a safe environment which will allow for concentration in learning.

ADVANCE: What are the steps in preparing to move into the new facilities, time-frame for moving, future stages of development?

DR. HAMILTON: On November 5, 1985 the architectural firm of Larson and Associates was selected by the Board of Regents to develop and design the new site for the College. The immediate plan calls for the remodeling of present buildings, the construction of dormitories for 200 students and a new dining commons. Later, plans will be developed for a gymnasium and additional student housing. There will be a total development design that will cover a fifteen year period. The College is making plans to move to the San Dimas site by September, 1987.

ADVANCE: All of this is going to cost a lot of money; how does the College hope to raise funds for the project? How can we best be of assistance?

DR. HAMILTON: The cost of the property and buildings was \$1,950,000 and this has



been paid. In other words, the property is owned by the College free and clear. However, for the initial phase of development, approximately \$3,000,000 will be needed. Some of this will be realized from the sale of college owned property while the rest must be raised from friends, alumni and constituents. A series of President's Dinners will be held in various locations and a request will be made of those in attendance to make a great Bible College even greater. The Regents and college administration are praying that God will release to L.I.F.E. an abundance of resources for this vision. People can help by praying for an acceleration of God's continued blessing on L.I.F.E. Bible College and by liberally giving of their monies to its development. When the present facility was built in 1925, Sister McPherson called for people everywhere to invest in the training of workers for the Kingdom of God. The greatest need in the world today is men and women who have a sense of mission, to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ into every sector of our society. L.I.F.E. Bible College has been training and educating people for that task for over sixty years. Now, more than ever, the College is in a better position to accomplish the objectives for which it was founded. Therefore, like Aimee Semple McPherson, we are asking people everywhere to invest in God-called men and women who will be trained to take the message of Jesus Christ the Savior, Healer, Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, and Soon Coming King, into the whole world.

ADVANCE: Some have asked regarding employment for students. Are there sufficient opportunities? What type of town is San Dimas?

DR. HAMILTON: From research done by the college administration relating to potential employers for students, it was discovered that the types of jobs our students would need are quite readily available in the immediate area of the new campus site. Since commuting time is less than one-half hour from Headquarters, it is anticipated that students will be available for employment there, as well. Employers who have sought out our students will continue to offer job opportunities for them. The College is also developing work



study jobs that will provide for more "on campus" work opportunities.

San Dimas is a planned community, located in the foothill area of the east San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles County. It has an immediate population of 35,000 people. As mentioned earlier, just one mile from the campus site, there is a convergence of freeways from San Bernadino, Riverside, and Orange counties. Many of the most attractive recreational areas in Southern California are within twenty to thirty miles. Downtown Los Angeles is a twenty-five minute drive from San Dimas. The area is urban, yet not crowded. L.I.F.E. is not retreating to a setting that is secluded from the world. We are not forming a monastic order, therefore, the location of the new campus does not isolate the students from people. Our mission is to the world and our work in its marketplace.

ADVANCE: Could you give us your vision as to what God is doing in the College and what you see God making it become in the years ahead?

DR. HAMILTON: With the site acquisition for the development of a new campus for L.I.F.E. Bible College, we stand on the horizon of a grand possibility. The great faith required for the building of this facility must have its roots in the Word of God. We are confident that God is leading us with a clear vision for the purpose of such a campus. The ministry of the College is essentially spiritual and therefore all training is the fulfilling of a task that is far greater in scope than a mere educational or academic assignment. We are committed to the timeless commission of Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, when He said, "Make disciples..." L.I.F.E.'s new setting will be the scene of a multi-faceted program developing leadership for the Foursquare Fellowship and other worldwide ministries of evangelism and discipleship. We believe we are developing facilities that will serve in multiple ways as a global center for the training of ministries. Our move towards a new campus is not an aesthetic dream; it is a practical need and a functional, spiritual goal. Pray with us and praise God with us. Christ IS building His Church and our College IS a part of His working in power.

Inside Our Foursquare Family



Light in Moorpark, CA

This past Fall, the Moorpark, CA Grace Chapel Foursquare Church youth group entered a float in the Moorpark Country Days parade. The float was made and designed entirely by the youth of the church. Fourteen young people worked for 6 nights, which included 450 man hours of labor. Over 12,000 pieces of

paper were included in the float.

This float gave strong Christian witness of the Foursquare Church to its community. Excitingly, this float won the prize for the most beautiful float in the parade. This ministry is typical of this fine church, pastored by Rev. & Mrs. David Benefiel.

Miracles in Beverly Hills, CA

The Lord is doing miraculous things in the well-known community of Beverly Hills, California. The Beverly Hills Foursquare Church was begun ten months ago under the leadership of Pastor Jim Obermeyer and his wife, Betty. The church has grown and God's direction and blessing is evident. On Sunday, November 3, 1985, Dr. Paul Jones, Supervisor of the Southern California District, presented the church with its charter.

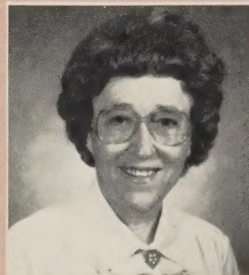
Pastor Obermeyer writes, "It was an exciting day as God has been doing many things to confirm the fact that it is His plan to have a strong work in the city of Beverly Hills. There is such a

tremendous need as the West Los Angeles area, especially the movie industry, has a tremendous effect on the rest of the world. This church has been the result of many years of prayer and seeking God, and we are beginning to see God move in the movie industry. Recently, a movie producer was led to the Lord and delivered from demon oppression, and attended Sunday Worship service. Many have received miraculous healing through the power of God moving in the lives of His people here. We rejoice!"

The church meets in the Beverly Hilton Hotel and is in the process of beginning new ministries to reach people in the Beverly Hills area.

Healing in Hemet, CA

"When a doctor tells you that you have advanced cancer", writes Thelma Armistead of Hemet, California, "and that because of chemotherapy you will have a radiation-caused ulcer and pain for the rest of your



life, you realize that only God can be the answer to such a problem."

Thelma had fought cancer since 1959. Not knowing whether she would live or die, her spirit was quickened with promises from Psalm 118:17, Jeremiah 30:17, and especially Exodus 23:25,26 where Jehovah proclaimed "I will restore health unto thee and will fulfill thy years." Through twenty years of treatment, surgeries including reconstruction of the chest wall, skin grafts, etc., she held fast to God's Word of Healing.

In 1982, something unusual began to occur and many of the symptoms of cancer began to disappear. In 1983, Thelma went for a check up and the doctors issued a signed statement declaring, "There is no sign of cancer on her chest wall."

To this day, there has been no reoccurrence.

To Thelma and her husband, Roy, who served as pastors of the First Foursquare Church of Hemet, California from 1959-1973, Divine Healing has become more than just a belief, but both, restoration and fulfillment.





Acceptance in Courtenay, B.C.

People in need; a Pastor who takes time to care; a congregation willing to unconditionally accept — a winning combination for touching a city. That's also the opinion of the Comox District Free Press of Courtenay, B.C., Canada about Ross Fox and the Foursquare Family there. Following is an excerpt from their LIFESTREAMS of October 11, 1985.

A man is seated near the front row wearing a black leather jacket and blue jeans. He has both arms stretched out above his head and his eyes are closed. He is singing "Alleluiah".

"I used to be into drugs and alcohol," says Dan Hagen, 28, "But now I'm into Jesus." Churches in the Comox Valley are changing more and more young people are coming back to the religious roots that they left far behind in the last decade. In some cases, the religious community has changed their lives.

The Foursquare Gospel Church members are busy before the Sunday service setting out additional chairs. A member walks by carrying his guitar. The man standing at the front of the congregation dressed in a black suit is Rev. Ross Fox.

"I'm not a fabulous preacher," Rev. Fox says, "I have no success formula. But Christ does appeal to every age. The majority of young people are good, but they get off the track. I know I did. I got into drinking and doing my own thing when I was young."

He said that one of the saddest things he remembers as a preacher was a funeral on a young man's 21st birthday. He died at the wheel, Rev. Fox said, because of alcohol.

"I just preach love, acceptance, and forgiveness," he explains. "That's what life and the church are all about."

Young people are returning to the Foursquare in greater numbers during the eighties according to the organist Ellen Cormons, a member for 40 years. Many of the new members say they have been "born again".

To be born again refers to the second birth in life or the spiritual birth. Maureen Paulsford, 41, is one of those people who has experienced it.

"I wasn't brought up in a church," she says, "but eleven years ago I realized that I was a sinner. I joined the family. I realized I'm not going to get to heaven on my own."

Brenda Clair says that she has been a steady member of the Foursquare Church for ten years. Many in her age group have joined, she says, because the church offers a "lot of things" for young adults.

"They see that you're happy. Christians don't go around with long faces," Clair says.

James Fisher, a 39-year-old unemployed member, says that he was frustrated because of the lack of work. He needed someone to talk to and Rev. Fox had the time for him.

"He'll set out time to talk to you," Fisher says. "It's nice and friendly here."

Being nice and friendly is the Sunday message that Ross delivers to his parish on Sunday. After messages from the "Good News Team" in Campbell River, he leads rousing hymn after

hymn. People are stretching their arms out and waving their hands in time to the music.

A member of the Gold Wing Riders and the Christian Riders sits near the front in his motorcycle jacket covered with emblems. John Turner says that he has been coming for the past eight years because the church is "friendly". He closes his eyes and sings loudly, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

As babies wail and children wiggle, Rev. Fox speaks louder. No one seems to mind the noise. A large blue fabric tapestry with a picture of a dove that says "Go forth in Power" hangs on a wall. He tells the members to smile more.

He asks the congregation what a smile means and someone answers "acceptance".

"Isn't it nice to have someone just accept you?" he asks. "So often you have to jump through a hoop, come up to somebody's standards before you're accepted." "Mothers, smile at your children when you talk to them," he continues. "Now, I want everyone to try it. Turn to the person sitting next to you and smile."

People rise from their seats and begin to shake hands and hug each other. Everyone is grinning from ear to ear, especially Rev. Fox. The popular preacher is celebrating his 17th anniversary at the Courtenay church. —Used with Permission

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divinely inspired beginning. The basis of that beginning was found in Sister McPherson's strong Bible ministry, preaching Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. This brought people from far and near. People were saved and changed, inspired and encouraged, becoming living witnesses of God's love and grace.

The preaching of the Cross of Christ will bring effective evangelism. The acceptance of the Cross in our own lives in place of

today's self-life emphasis will honor God and unite us all in real spiritual living.

"I am crucified with Christ: Nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, And gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

Nothing is as vital now in our ministries as lifting people's eyes unto Jesus Christ, who through His death on Calvary, forgives sin, delivers from the power of darkness and translates us into His own dear Kingdom.

A very important text that beautifully

describes God's method in building, maturing and knitting His family together is found in Ephesians 4:11-16. He wills that we grow up into Christ in all things, strong, courageous, unafraid, faithful, selfless and spiritually healthy. "Speaking the truth in love" is the way Paul put it. This truth is His Word — milk, bread and meat for the soul. This is REAL food — not "junk" food.

That which brings us and knits us together is Jesus. As Sister McPherson said so often, "Preach JESUS, the Savior, the Great Physician, the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, and the King who is soon to return." Our completeness is in Him! 4

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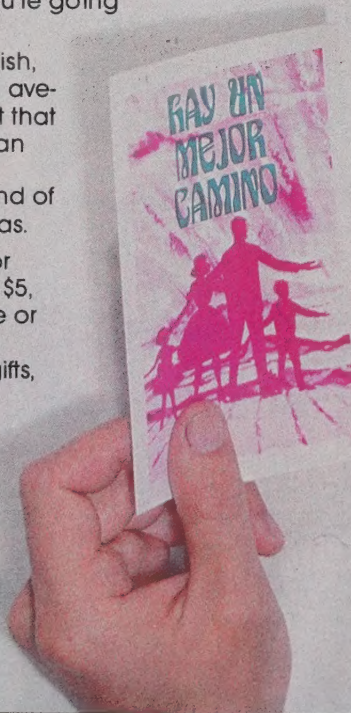
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